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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/810,130 filed March 26, 2004, by Decker et al. for "A DISPENSER CAPABLE OF DISPENSING SHEET-LIKE ARTICLES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/810,520 filed March 26, 2004, by Decker et al. for "A DISPENSER CAPABLE OF DISPENSING SHEET-LIKE ARTICLES."

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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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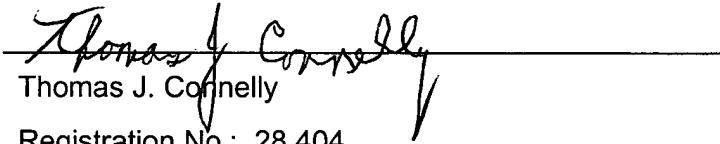
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